

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

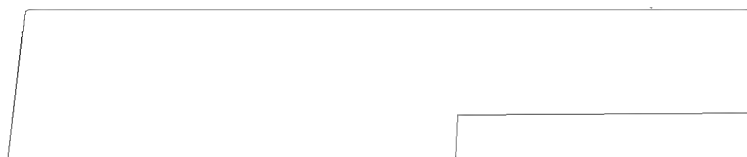
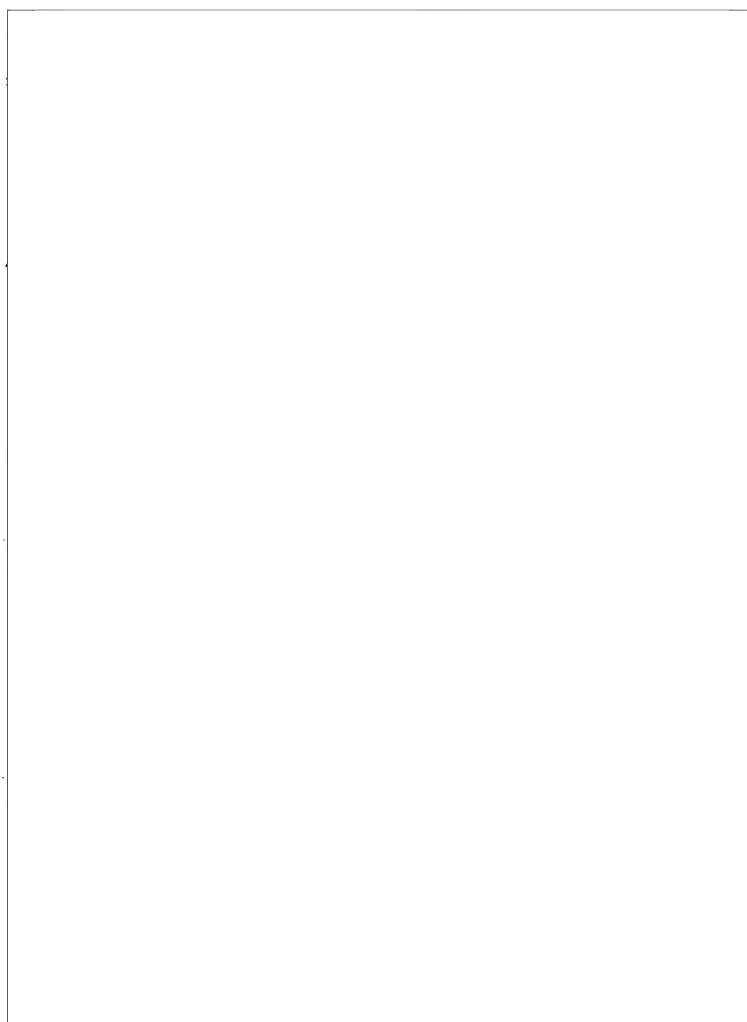
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1. USSR-Cuba

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2. Haiti - Dominican Republic

a. The result of yesterday's flap in Haiti appears to have been a substantial defeat for Cantave's rebel force.

b.

Cantave crossed the border into Haiti and then retreated after a few hours of skirmishing with reinforced Haitian troops. The Haitians claim 13 rebels killed.

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c. Stray shots from the fighting gave rise to the Dominican charges that the nearby border town of Dajabon was being attacked.

d. Cantave has been interned by the Dominicans according to the press.

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3. USSR agriculture

a. Khrushchev is again resorting to sensational methods to boost agricultural production.

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b. TASS reports the Komsomol has called on its 20-million-odd members to help finish 59 mineral fertilizer plants before the end of the year.

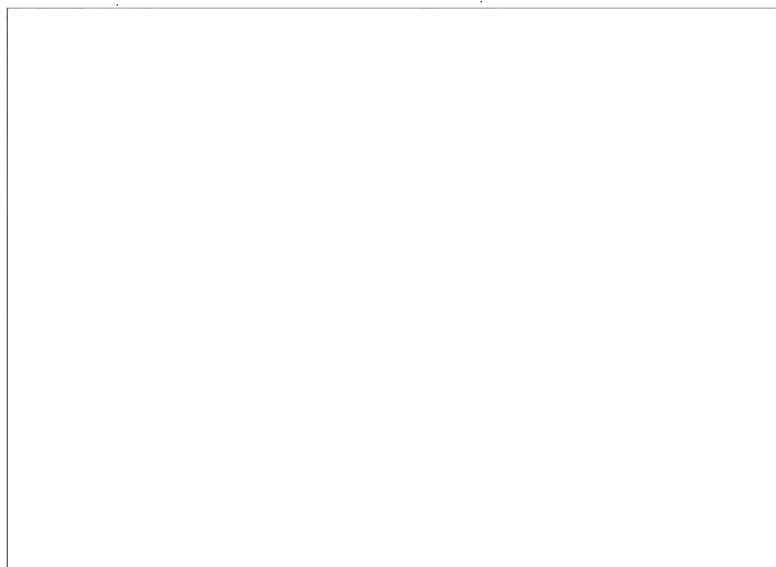
c. TASS compares the operation with the "new lands" campaign of 1954-58 when thousands of Soviet youth went east to assist in bringing hitherto uncultivated land under the plow.

d. The Soviet premier has already outlined a crash program to expand the chemical industry in support of agriculture. He hopes to increase chemical fertilizer by 8-9 million tons annually to reach a goal of 100 million tons a year by 1970.

e. However, his troubles will not end there because the more fertilizer, the more equipment he will need to handle it. In fact, he told Governor Harriman that 2 billion rubles annually was little enough for this purpose.

4. UK

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5. USSR writers

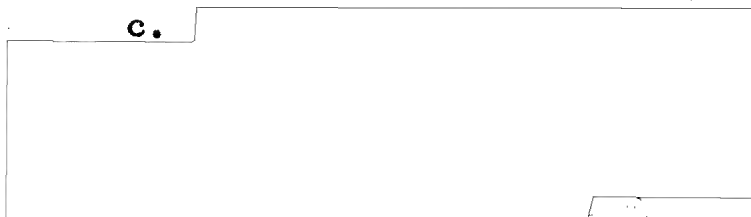
a. There have been signs over the past few weeks that Khrushchev has softened his position on "socialist realism" in the arts.

b. Ilya Ehrenburg, publicly attacked by Khrushchev last December



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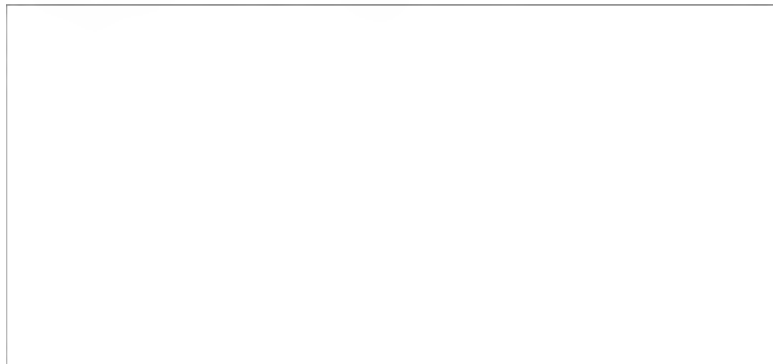
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d. Following the writers' meeting, Khrushchev received several participants including Aleksander Tvardovsky previously in the doghouse. He read an unpublished, anti-Stalin poem. Izvestia published the poem a few days later along with a description of Khrushchev's participation at the reception.

e. It remains to be seen how many authors will regard these and other developments as a green light to resume the de-Stalinization theme.

6. Indonesia-UK

a. Indonesia is attempting to prevent further anti-British incidents while Foreign Minister Subandrio is at the UN.



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NOTES

- A. EEC The Common Market is thinking of eating its own rice along with its chicken. A West German Economics official says the EEC may soon establish regulations designed to protect Italian and French rice producers by supporting a price well above the world market. The US sold over \$11 million worth of rice to the Common Market from August 1962 to May 1963.
- B. Cuba Late photography shows that the 40 odd Soviet T-54 tanks have moved out of the Soviet armored camp at Holguin and that 29 T-34 tanks from a nearby Cuban encampment have moved in. This is the first time we have ever seen these tanks move outside the camp area. One possibility is that these T-54s have passed to Cuban control.
- C. South Vietnam Reuters reports that a Pan American 707 was hit by a rifle bullet early this morning about seven miles from Saigon airport. The plane suffered damage to one of its oil lines. This follows the Viet Cong bomb sabotage yesterday of two USAF C-47 aircraft and Saturday's bombing outside a theatre frequented by Americans.
- D. France - South Vietnam

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